

**MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2018
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Announce Quorum

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Mayor Francis stated "This meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements." (Mayor noted fire exits)

ROLL CALL: The Clerk called the roll and the following members were present: Councilman Bunce, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Hoferkamp, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Francis.

Absent: Councilman Padula

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Francis invited all present to salute the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence. Mayor Francis asked that we remember Jim Franco of the Fire Department and keep him in our prayers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mayor Francis allowed each member of the Council, to present their respective committee reports.

Councilwoman Galate reported that the Farmers Market is every Sunday from 9am to 2pm. They have had four rain out Sundays but are still going strong with a lot of new vendors.

Councilman Hoferkamp congratulated Roy McQueen for winning Sussex County Senior of the Year. Councilman Hoferkamp reported that we have a received a new Senior Bus and thanked Ron Tappan for all his work towards getting it; the ribbon cutting ceremony will be tomorrow. Councilman Hoferkamp thanked Cathy Millian for her work on the 9/11 ceremony. Councilman Hoferkamp reported that the town wide cleanup was a success; Jule Girman and Georgia Schilling recruited 120-130 people including boy scouts, girl scouts, and people from the County.

Councilman Schindelar reported that the real estate committee had met and that they will be bringing new properties to auction.

Councilman Young reported that at the Recreation Committee meeting they discussed that camp had ended and there was a few weeks between camp ending and school beginning (they had a total of 190 campers). The Halloween Parade and Costume Contest is scheduled for October 14, 2018 with a rain date of October 21, 2018 and will start at Hudson Maxim. Councilman Young reported that bowling was tough last year due to the time it was held and scheduling with the bowling alley; therefore there will be no bowling this year so that they can come up with a better plan for the future. Councilman Young reported that the Environmental Commission's town wide clean up went great (they gave out bags and gloves); Jule Girman was at the Farmers Market advertising it and she put up signs around town. September 15th was also Shred Day. September 22, 2018 starts the lake draw down and November 3, 2018 is lake cleanup day. The Environmental Commission discussed creating a rain garden. Councilman Young commented that there were fewer kids at Hopatcong Days this year. The Environmental Commission also discussed the no idling Ordinances. Councilman Young reported that the Governor issued an executive order making it illegal to hunt bear on State property.

Councilman Young reported that the Municipal Alliance movie night went well and they plan to host a seminar called "Parents Who Host Lose the Most". They will also be at back to school night with an anti-drug message.

Councilman Young commented that Miss Hopatcong, Samantha Schuman, competed at the Queen of the Fair Pageant and did a great job; Miss Vernon won the pageant.

Councilman Young mentioned that we lost Jim Franco who was on the Recreation Commission for many years.

Councilman Bunce endorsed the water application that is on the addendum. Councilman Bunce stated that the Fire Department won't be the same without Jim Franco and that he meant a lot to this town; he will be missed and sympathies to his wife.

Mayor Francis congratulated Councilman Young for receiving an award from the County regarding Municipal Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Councilman Bunce made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

Peter Frechtling, 443 River Styx Road, addressed the Council regarding the Public being able to defend themselves against bears.

David Harris addressed the Council in regards to the bid threshold being \$40,000.00.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Bunce made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 5, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Francis requested that all persons present review the consent agenda. If any member of the Council or public wishes an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately, a motion to this effect shall so be made at this time.

After all persons have had an opportunity to review the consent agenda and offer requests for changes, Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilman Young.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Tax Collectors Monthly Report: August 2018.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Junior Firefighter Program: Jack Certo.

RESOLUTIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2018-180 – Revisions to Borough of Hopatcong Purchasing Policy

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the revisions to the Hopatcong Purchasing Policy. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-181 – Purchasing Bid Threshold

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the Hopatcong Purchasing Bid Threshold of \$40,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-182 – Award Contract for Animal Pound Roof Replacement

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Journey Contracting Company Inc, in the amount of \$49,611.00 for the Hopatcong Animal Pound Roof Replacement. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-183 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of September 19, 2018, pulling purchase order numbers 18-00727 and 18-01583. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

Councilman Bunce made a motion to authorize the payment of purchase order numbers 18-00727 and 18-01583. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: Galate

Resolution #2018-184 – Recreation Fees, Basketball Program

Councilman Bunce made a motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the fees for the 2018 Basketball Program as recommend by the Recreation Commission.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

Resolution #2018-185 – In Support of JCP&L Reliability Plus

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution declaring support for the JCP&L Reliability Plus. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young
Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Francis reported that the Borough did not receive financial support from the DEP for the approved water line on Hudson Avenue; further explaining that this would be a serious hit on the infrastructure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Service Application – 225 Lakeside Blvd, Block 30408, Lot 25

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the water service application for the resident at 225 Lakeside Blvd, block 30408, Lot 25. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Padula Abstentions: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Bunce made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

Mara Modes congratulated the Borough on the new Senior Bus.

Lynn Owens, 14 Papoose Trail, thanked the Borough for paving the roads in her area as well as fixing the berms. Ms. Owens addressed the Council regarding three other streets she would like paved, the overgrown fire lane at the end of Papoose and voiced concern in regards to putting a deaf child sign on Papoose.

David Harris addressed the Council regarding the Recreation Commission fixing the cracks in the skate park and the water fountain at Maxim Glen not working. Mr. Harris questioned the reasons for denial from the DEP regarding the Hudson Avenue water line. Mr. Harris informed the Council that he picked up litter on Bell Avenue and questioned where the brook, sewer, and storm water goes. Mr. Harris inquired if any bears have been killed in Hopatcong. Mr. Harris discussed having political booths at Hopatcong Days and inquired about the PBA's Food Truck Festival. Mr. Harris informed the Council that he was pulled over for a brake light, and the officer that pulled him over was very respectful.

Mara Modes informed the Council that there were deaf children signs by her house and they were taken.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Bunce made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 19, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.